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Coordination of Project no 42.2066

1. I/MM and I/CI have reviewed project 42.2066, New Data and Exports for Russian Foreign Trade. We have found this report of value, especially the information on Rumania's improved foreign trade position.

2. This branch has noted Rumania's increased interest in Western industrial products. As stated in the report, the prospects for the future indicate increased trade with the Western nations in machinery items. We agree that most of this increase will involve western European imports of machinery rather than US imports. On the other hand, we do not rule out the possibility of substantial Russian imports of machinery and knowhow from the U.S. These would probably be concentrated in the petrochemical, chemical, and oil equipment fields and involve selective technical areas in which US knowhow still outstrips that of Western Europe. We agree that the \$100,000,000 figure quoted by Premier Stojan has little meaning and does not refer to any one-year period.

Two specific examples of recent Russian interest in US products include:

Russian interest in US tire, chemical and petrochemical equipment. [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

Russian attempts to obtain US knowhow for producing acrylon. State Despatch 251, C., [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

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